

CARLSBAD CULTURAL ARTS OFFICE OFFERS GRANTS FOR ARTS PROJECTS

The City of Carlsbad's Cultural Arts Office invites applications for its annual Community Arts Grants program. Funds totaling \$25,000 will be awarded in matching grants for cultural projects taking place within the City of Carlsbad in the year 2009. The grant application deadline is Monday, October 20, 2008. Announcement of awarded grants will occur by December 12, 2008.

The Community Arts Grants program is designed to help strengthen local arts organizations and to provide cultural and artistic opportunities for Carlsbad citizens. The grants, which must be matched, are awarded to non-profit organizations, schools and school-related organizations for visual, media, literary, and performing arts projects taking place in Carlsbad. Arts organizations located elsewhere in San Diego County must have a Carlsbad non-profit organization or school as a partner to host the proposed activity.

Two Community Arts Grant Application Workshops will be held; new applicants are strongly urged to attend a workshop. On Tuesday, September 23 at 5:00 pm, a workshop will be held in the Gowland Meeting Room at the Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. On Wednesday, September 24 at 4:00 pm, a workshop will be held in the Community Room at Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive.

There are two categories of Community Arts grants; an applicant organization, school or individual may submit a proposal in only one category. The "Organizations/Artist Partnerships" grants are designed to fund events, activities and projects presented for the general population. Grants usually range from \$500 to \$3,000, though there is no limit to the amount an applicant may request. The "Arts Education" grants are designed to fund school-based projects for K-12 students, and requests are limited to a maximum of \$1,000.

Past successful proposals have included: music festivals, concerts and residencies; play readings and free outdoor theatre; visual arts demonstrations and mural projects; choreographer residencies; artist-led training seminars for teachers and a variety of school activities promoting student participation in the arts.

Applications and guidelines, as well as listings of previous grant recipients, are available online at the City of Carlsbad website, www.carlsbadca.gov/arts or in printed format at Carlsbad City Libraries or the Carlsbad Arts Office, 2955 Elmwood Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92008. To request a mailed application or for more information about Carlsbad Community Arts Grants, eligibility requirements, and funding categories, please contact the Carlsbad Arts Office grants staff at (760) 434-2900.